

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## CONFIRMATION OF MATTHEW GARCIA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise to speak on the confirmation of Matthew Garcia to the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico.

Mr. Garcia is an experienced litigator with deep ties to the New Mexico legal community. He received degrees from the University of New Mexico, the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and the University of New Mexico School of Law before establishing a career in civil rights litigation. Mr. Garcia represented plaintiffs in religious liberty, unlawful discrimination, and wage theft cases. He also gained experience in multistate antitrust actions and personal injury matters. In 2019, Mr. Garcia left private practice and joined the New Mexico State government as general counsel to New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. He now serves as her chief of staff and advises on issues related to State constitutional questions and statutory interpretation.

Throughout his career, Mr. Garcia has appeared frequently in State and Federal court. His breadth of experience in government and the private sector will make him ready to serve on the District of New Mexico from day one. The American Bar Association unanimously rated Mr. Garcia "well qualified," and he has the strong support of his home-State Senators, Mr. HEINRICH and Mr. LUJÁN.

I supported his nomination and was glad to see him confirmed.

## CONFIRMATION OF LINDSAY C. JENKINS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise to speak on the confirmation of Lindsay Jenkins to U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Born in Cleveland, OH, Ms. Jenkins received her bachelor's degree from Miami University of Ohio and her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. After clerking for Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr., on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and working in private practice for 2 years, Ms. Jenkins spent the majority of her legal career—15 years—as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Ms. Jenkins prosecuted a range of cases, including violations of drug and firearm

laws, fraud, gang-related activity, civil rights violations, and corruption. In addition to her caseload at the U.S. Attorney's Office, she took on supervisory responsibilities, rising to become chief of the Criminal Division. In that role, she oversaw all criminal prosecutions in the Northern District of Illinois, supervising nearly 150 prosecutors across 9 prosecution sections.

In 2021, Ms. Jenkins returned to private practice, primarily working on internal investigations and white collar cases. The American Bar Association rated Ms. Jenkins as unanimously "well qualified." Given her qualifications and her deep knowledge of the Northern District, Senator DUCKWORTH and I strongly support Ms. Jenkins.

I thank my colleagues for confirming her.

## CONFIRMATION OF GINA MENDEZ-MIRO

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise to speak on the confirmation of Judge Gina Mendez-Miro to the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico.

Judge Mendez-Miro is an experienced jurist and dedicated public servant. A graduate of the University of Puerto Rico and Princeton University, she spent several years in private practice before devoting the rest of her legal career to public service. Judge Mendez-Miro has served in all three branches of the Puerto Rico government. She served as Assistant Attorney General for Human Resources for the Puerto Rico Department of Justice, as director of judicial programs and general counsel and director of legal affairs in the Puerto Rico judicial branch's office of courts administration, and as chief of staff for the Puerto Rico Senate. In 2016, Judge Mendez-Miro was appointed by the Governor of Puerto Rico and unanimously confirmed by the Puerto Rican Senate to serve on the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals. The American Bar Association unanimously rated Judge Mendez-Miro as "qualified."

I supported her nomination and was glad to see her confirmed.

## VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, on February 13, 2023, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote No. 9. My absence was due to official duties in New Mexico that presented an unavoidable conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on vote No. 9.

On February 13, 2023, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote No. 10. My absence was due to official duties in New Mexico that presented an unavoidable conflict. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on vote No. 10.

## SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, in accordance with rule XXVI, paragraph 2 of

the Standing Rules of the Senate, I ask unanimous consent for myself as chairman of the Select Committee on Ethics and for Senator LANKFORD as vice chairman of the committee that the rules of procedure of the Select Committee on Ethics, which were adopted February 23, 1978, and revised November 1999, be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for the 118th Congress.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

## RULES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## PART I: ORGANIC AUTHORITY

## SUBPART A—S. RES. 338 AS AMENDED

*S. Res. 338, 88th Cong., 2d Sess. (1964)*<sup>1</sup>

*Resolved*, That (a) there is hereby established a permanent select committee of the Senate to be known as the Select Committee on Ethics (referred to hereinafter as the "Select Committee") consisting of six Members of the Senate, of whom three shall be selected from members of the majority party and three shall be selected from members of the minority party. Members thereof shall be appointed by the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1 of Rule XXIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate at the beginning of each Congress. For purposes of paragraph 4 of Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, service of a Senator as a member or chairman of the Select Committee shall not be taken into account.

(b) Vacancies in the membership of the Select Committee shall not affect the authority of the remaining members to execute the functions of the committee, and shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments thereto are made.

(c) (1) A majority of the members of the Select Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business involving complaints or allegations of, or information about, misconduct, including resulting preliminary inquiries, adjudicatory reviews, recommendations or reports, and matters relating to Senate Resolution 400, agreed to May 19, 1976.<sup>2</sup>

(2) Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of routine business of the Select Committee not covered by the first paragraph of this subparagraph, including requests for opinions and interpretations concerning the Code of Official Conduct or any other statute or regulation under the jurisdiction of the Select Committee, if one member of the quorum is a member of the majority Party and one member of the quorum is a member of the minority Party. During the transaction of routine business any member of the Select Committee constituting the quorum shall have the right to postpone further discussion of a pending matter until such time as a majority of the members of the Select Committee are present.

(3) The Select Committee may fix a lesser number as a quorum for the purpose of taking sworn testimony.<sup>3</sup>

(d) (1) A member of the Select Committee shall be ineligible to participate in—

(A) any preliminary inquiry or adjudicatory review relating to—

(i) the conduct of—

(I) such member;

(II) any officer or employee the member supervises; or

(III) any employee of any officer the member supervises; or

(ii) any complaint filed by the member; and

(B) the determinations and recommendations of the Select Committee with respect